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Inv. No. 731-TA-1205 (P)

USITC VOTES TO CONTINUE CASE ON SILICA BRICKS AND SHAPES FROM CHINA

The United States International Trade Commission (USITC) today determined that there is a reasonable indication that a U.S. industry is materially injured by reason of imports of silica bricks and shapes from China that are allegedly sold in the United States at less than fair value.

All six Commissioners voted in the affirmative.

As a result of the Commission's affirmative determination, the U.S. Department of Commerce will continue to conduct its investigation on imports of this product, with its preliminary antidumping duty determination due on or about April 24, 2013.

The Commission's public report *Silica Bricks and Shapes from China* (Investigation No. 731-TA-1205 (Preliminary), USITC Publication 4369, January 2013) will contain the views of the Commission and information developed during the investigation.

Copies of the report are expected to be available after January 22, 2013, by emailing pubrequest@usitc.gov, calling 202-205-2000, or writing to the Office of the Secretary, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Requests may also be faxed to 202-205-2104.

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FACTUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Silica Bricks and Shapes from China
Investigation No. 731-TA-1205 (Preliminary)

Product Description: Silica bricks and shapes covered by this investigation include all bricks and shapes, regardless of size, containing at least 90 percent silica (also known as silicon dioxide (SiO₂)), regardless of other materials in the bricks and shapes. These bricks and shapes are used for refractory purposes, primarily in coke ovens and glass furnaces.

Status of Proceedings:

1. Type of investigation: Preliminary antidumping.
2. Petitioner: Utah Refractories Corp., Lehi, UT.
3. Preliminary investigation instituted by the USITC: November 15, 2012.
4. Commission's conference: December 6, 2012.
5. USITC vote: December 28, 2012.
6. USITC determination to the U.S. Department of Commerce: December 31, 2012.
7. USITC views to the U.S. Department of Commerce: January 8, 2013.

U.S. Industry:

1. Number of producers in 2011: One.
2. Location of producer's plant: Utah.
3. Employment of production and related workers in 2011: ¹
4. Apparent U.S. consumption in 2011: ¹
5. Ratio of the value of total U.S. imports to total U.S. consumption in 2011: ¹

U.S. Imports:

1. From the subject countries during 2011: ¹
2. From other countries during 2011: ¹
3. Leading sources during 2011: ¹

¹ Withheld to avoid disclosure of business proprietary information.